(1) Yes.

(2) No.

Water communication—Kunnamkulam—opening of.

154. **Mr. K. T. Mathew** *(Kunnamkulam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government has received any representation in 1112 for opening water communication to Kunnamkulam; and if so,

(b) what steps have been taken in the matter;

(c) whether there has been any correspondence in the matter with the Government of Madras; and if so,

(d) at what stage is the correspondence now;

(e) whether both Governments have come to any definite understanding; and if so,

(f) what is it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(a) A resolution passed by a committee in Kunnamkulam on 6th March 1937 requesting to carry out the scheme has been received.

(b) and (c). The question is under correspondence with the Madras Government.

(d), (e) and (f). The Cochin Government offered to defray all the expenses to construct the canal and the Madras Government replied that they will then not have any objection to allow this canal to be built subject, however, to certain conditions. Further negotiations are under progress.

Tender—Komanthuruthi-Thevara (Chenganad) bridge—particulars regarding.

155. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether tender was called for the Komanthuruthi-Thevara (Chenganad) bridge;

(b) who has been given the contract and for what sum; what are the terms of the contract;

(c) what progress, if any, has been made in the work?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) The work is entrusted to contractor Mr. P. Maney at 22½ per cent less than the estimated rates.

A copy of the contract agreement executed by the contractor is appended. *(Appendix IV).*

(c) The materials are being collected.

Expenditure—State Motor cars—particulars regarding.

156. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. (a) the number of motor cars kept by the State;

(b) the amount invested on them (i) for purchase, (ii) for repairs;

(c) the amount spent in 1111 and 1112 for the upkeep, maintenance, etc., of the cars; what amounts were spent under the various heads of expenditure;

2. what all works are attended to by the Mechanical Section of the Engineering Department; what does it cost the Government for its upkeep yearly;

3. (a) will the Government be pleased to state when the cars advertised by the State for sale in the last 3 years were purchased;

(b) the price paid for each car when purchased;

(c) the price fetched at the auction sale of each car?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

1. (a) 24 including 3 lorries.

(b) i. About Rs. 1,98,000.

ii. The amounts spent on upkeep and maintenance in the years 1111 and 1112 are given below against sub-division (c).

(c) Expenditure for the establishment of motor cars and boats in 1111—Rs. 16,954.

Do in 1112 till the end of Edavam—Rs. 14,561.

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